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*On arriving at the Ground, there shall be sung :*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the LORD With cheerful voice ;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The LORD ye know is GOD indeed ;  
Without our aid He did us make ;  
We are his flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto ;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why ? the Lord our God is good ;  
His mercy is for ever sure ;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST,  
The GOD Whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the Angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*Priest*—Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Response*—Who hath made heaven and earth.

*Priest*—Behold, saith the Lord, I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone elect, precious.

*Response*—He that believeth in Him shall not be confounded.

*Priest*—Except the Lord build the house, their labor is but lost that build it.

*Response*—Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth world without end.

*Then shall be sung or said the Psalm following :*

PSALM LXXXIV.

○ HOW amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts.

2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even Thy altars, oh Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be always praising Thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee : in whose heart are Thy ways ;

6. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

7. They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of Gods appeareth every one of them in Zion.

8. Oh, Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, oh God of Jacob.

9. Behold, oh God our defender : and look upon the face of Thine annointed.

10. For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

11. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12. For the Lord God is a light and a defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13. Oh Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy'Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

*Let us Pray.*

**P**REVENT us, oh Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help ; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** Almighty God, who hath built Thy church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone : grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy Temple, acceptable unto Thee ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



*All things being ready for the laying of the stone, the Priest shall say :*

Build the House ; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.—*Haggai, I. 8.*

*Response*—The God of Heaven, He will prosper us ; and therefore we, His servants, will arise and build.—*Nehem. II., 20.*

### THE PERSON APPOINTED WILL THEN LAY THE STONE.

*Saying :*

THIS STONE IS LAID IN FAITH AND HOPE, TO THE HONOR  
AND GLORY OF GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD  
*Amen.*

*Priest*—The Glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be  
upon us : prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us :  
oh prosper Thou our handy work.

Lord have mercy upon us.

*Christ have mercy upon us.*

Lord have mercy upon us.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy  
name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in  
earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
them that trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation ; but deliver us from evil : For thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever,  
*Amen.*

OH Almighty Lord God, whom the Heaven and the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, and who yet disdainest not to be with Thy Church on earth ; favor, we beseech Thee, the desire of Thy servants to build a house for Thee in this place : strengthen their hands and sanctify their labors to Thy Glory : accept the offerings of all who by their substance and their prayers would forward this work ; bring it, oh Lord, to a successful issue ; and grant that Thy sanctuary may be a delight and a blessing to all those who shall here worship Thee, and receive the knowledge of Thy truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL Lord we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Word, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall be sung,*

The Church's one foundation  
 Is JESUS CHRIST her LORD ;  
 She is His new creation  
 By water and the Word :  
 From heaven He came and sought her  
 To be His holy Bride ;  
 With His own Blood He bought her,  
 And for her life He died.  
 Elect from every nation,  
 Yet one o'er all the earth,  
 Her charter of salvation

One LORD, one Faith, one Birth,  
 One Holy name she blesses,  
 Partakes one Holy Food,  
 And to one hope she presses  
 With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
 Men see her sore opprest,  
 By schisms rent asunder,  
 By heresies distrest,  
 Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 And soon the night of weeping  
 Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
 And tumult of her war,  
 She waits the consummation  
 Of peace for evermore ;  
 Till with the vision glorious  
 Her longing eyes are blest,  
 And the great Church victorious  
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
 With GOD the THREE in ONE,  
 And mystic sweet communion  
 With those whose rest is won :  
 O happy ones and holy !  
 Lord, give us grace that we,  
 Like them the meek and lowly,  
 On high may dwell with Thee. Amen.

*Addresses will be delivered as may have been arranged.*

*The Priest, or Bishop, if he be present, will pronounce*

THE BLESSING.